thala, Patiala, Bhatinda and Hoshiarpur). Major functions of the KVK are to organise vocational training, frontline demonstrations, on-farm research/testing and training of grass-root level extension workers in crop-production, horticulture production, livestock production, fisheries, Home Science and other related vocations.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The districts and location of already established KVKs are presented in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 160]. In remaining districts, the KVKs are yet to be established. Depending on resources available, efforts are on to establish KVKs in all the agricultural districts.

It is proposed to establish new 119 KVKs by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan and the remaining in the Ninth Five Year Plan to cover all the districts of the country subject to availability of additional funds from the Government.

Promotion of Agricultural Education

7413. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research have formulated a comprehensive perspective plan to promote agricultural education in the country particularly in the State of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research is in a process of formulating a perspective plan to promote agricultural education in the country including the State of Punjab. A Model Act for the Agricultural Universities in the country has been prepared. A Committee of Deans has been constituted to examine curriculum, courses at undergraduate level. A National Agricultural Research Project has been implemented in the country to upgrade and strengthen the research capabilities of the Zonal Research Station of State Agricultural Universities.

Multi-State Cooperative Societies

7414. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Multi-State Cooperative Societies registered in the country, State-wise;

(b) the names of Multi-State Cooperative Societies functioning in Karnataka and how many Societies have been registered under Multi-State from Karnataka during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) the type of Societies from States which can be registered under Multi-State Societies Act; and

(d) whether the existing Cooperative Societies registered under State Act can be registered under Multi-State to expand its activities, if so, the procedure thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The number of Multi-State Cooperative Societies, State-wise is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below).

(b) The following four multi-state cooperative societies are functioning in Karnataka whose principal place of business and registered office is in Karnataka:

(1) All India Industrial Cooperative Banks Federation, 11, Bull Temple Road, Besavanguddi, Bangalore — 4. (Under Liquidation) (2) Hiranyakeshi Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Niyamat Sankeshwar, Distt. Belgaum (3) Central Arecanut Marketing and Processing Cooperative, Mangalore. (4) Indian Coffee Marketing Cooperative Limited, P. B No. 167, Hassan — 573201.